संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम.एम. जैकब) :(क) और (ख) जम्मू और कश्मीर सरकार से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार 1989, 1990 और 1991 (अक्तूबर तक) में क्रमश: 2 (दो), 169 तथा 256 व्यक्तियों का अपहरण किया गया ।

4 बंधक रखे गए व्यक्तियों के बदले में अभी तक 16 व्यक्तियों को रिहा किया गया है ।

बंधक रखे गए व्यक्तियों को रिहा करने के लिए प्रयास जारी है ।

आकाशवाणी लेह के केन्द्र निदेशक का अपहरण

1216. डा. रत्नाकर पांडेय : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जम्मू और कश्मीर में आकाशवाणी के लेह केन्द्र के केन्द्र निदेशक का हाल ही में आतंकवादियों द्वारा अपहरण कर लिया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम. एम. जैकब) : (क) और (ख) आकाशवाणी, लेह के स्टेशन निदेशक का अपहरण एक आतंकवादी गिरोह द्वारा डल गैट क्षेत्र, श्रीनगर से 3-11-91 को किया गया। बताया गया कि वे 13-11-91 को कैद से बच निकले ।

Torture by Army Personnel

1217. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased *t6* state :

(a) whether the army is empowered to arrest citizens for their alleged or proved activities of militancy and touture them

(b) whether.it is a fact that in Assam ttu. arrested persons have been tourtured inhurnaniy resulting in a few death
and injuring hundreds of people ;

(c) whether-it is a fact that army personnel raped girh and women and murdered *two* girls; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken against those army personnel ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THF MINIS FRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M M JACOB (a) The Army operates in aid of civil autnority under *the* Armed Forces (Specml Powers) Act, 1953, this V-t empowers the army to arrest any person who has committed a cosnizabic offence or aganist whom a reasonable suspicion exists that he has committed or is about to commit a cognizable offence.

(b) No Sir.

(c) and (d) There has been one case of alleged rape and death of a girl. A Magisterial enquiry has been ordered.

Misuse of Railway Passes

1218. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the cases concerning the ' pensions to freedom fighters are likelv to be disposed of;

(b) whether it is a fact that the railway passes issued to freedom fighters are being misused and whether it is also a fact that businessmen, lawyers and certain unsocial elements travel with the freedom fighters as companion in 1st and A.C. coaches;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to cancel such railway passes after the expiry of an year according to the original scheme; and

(d) whether Government propose to cancel the permanent passes inview of the internal and external debt burden and if ' so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE ON THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MM JACOB): (a) All the applications re-" ceived by the prescribed date of receipt of applications, i.e. 31-3-1982 have been